



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hauge called the meeting to order at 6:20pm

PRESENT: Rome, McCann, Cheu, Clark, and Hauge
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Katharine Hardt-Mason

ABSENT: Hubbell

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Ms. Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Behzad opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes for the November 17, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report

Ms. Behzad distributed the Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report and asked the members to review and either e-mail their questions to her if there is no need for discussion or raise the question in the next meeting for discussion. The item will be on the next agenda for any further discussion.

2. Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update (BPAC)

Member Hauge reported that there were two main issues discussed in the last several meetings. The first issue discussed has been expressways. There were several issues raised, with regard to expressways, which seemed to be addressed or resolved at the last meeting. Bike racks were also discussed. Member Hauge ask Ms. Behzad if we received any notification with regard to available bike racks. Ms. Behzad mentioned that she received an e-mail a couple months ago. She had compiled a list of all the places in the city including private shopping centers that can use bike racks,

and also included portable racks to be used during upcoming events. The list was e-mailed back to the VTA. Ms. Behzad explained that if we receive any bike racks, we will need to decide who would install and fund the installation. Member Hauge suggested that if VTA gives us any racks, we should at least take them and offer them to developers to be installed in their parks or any future development.

BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Member Hauge reported that the application is complete. He will e-mail the application to all the members for their review. He would like to mail it prior to the March deadline.

2. Bike Parking at Various Community Events

Member Cheu reported that he would rotate with Member Clark to attend the meetings. There was a discussion that Art Ala Cart has been moved from April/May to later in the year. Members discussed what the next event is to come up. They all agreed that they should start working on getting volunteers to sign up for the various events.

3. Request Funding from PRC for Purchase of Bike Racks

Member Clark asked Member Cheu and other members to collect information on the brand. Members all agreed that 4 bike racks are needed to accommodate event parking. Upon collecting all the information and a consensus is reached, this item can be then taken to PRC for their approval.

4. Morgan Hill Grand Prix – BTAC Involvement

Members discussed that they have not seen anything on the Grand Prix race this year. Member Clark mentioned that he could check with Specialized Bike to get the updated status. All members agreed that BTAC members would like to provide bike parking or volunteer at the event, but not necessarily promoting the race. Members noted that BTAC's purpose is not to advocate racing, but rather to advocate recreational activity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tour of California- Starts on Bailey in San Jose and finishes in San Jose. Steve Cheu will e-mail the information and flyer. The next tour will be from Monterey to San Luis Obispo.
- Katharine Mason Hardt/PRC announced that PRC discussed that in the future BTAC can send their request for funding to PRC for their review.
- Katharine Mason Hardt/PRC mentioned that PRC noted that most functions at Art Ala Cart are being sponsored by private sponsors.
- Katharine Mason Hardt/PRC noted that PRC was pleased to see that Trails Master Plan was in progress.
- Ms. Behzad stated that she would arrange for a joint meeting with PRC in April.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Trails Master Plan
- Educational Programs
- Discussion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held on February 23, 2006 at 6:15 pm.